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The Glendale Police Department Participates in National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

GLENDALÉ, Ariz. – On September 8th, 2015 Mayor Jerry Weiers and the Glendale City Council proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This month provides the Glendale Police Department with additional opportunities to educate the community, emphasize that domestic violence is a crime, warn abusers that they will be prosecuted and offer victims aid and support. A statement from Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers showed the resolve of the City to address domestic violence, “As a City we take all facets of Domestic Violence seriously; prevention, education, enforcement, prosecution and victim’s rights. We encourage the residents of Glendale to be informed about signs of abuse, City resources that are available to help victims, and understand the overall impact Domestic Violence has in all communities.”

12.7 million people are physically abused, raped or stalked by their partners in one year. That is 24 people every minute. Why does it matter? Because it someone you know. The crimes related to domestic violence are serious, repetitive and have the tendency to escalate in brutality. Domestic violence includes the use of physical, emotional and psychological abuse and control, which affects people from all walks of life and of every age and demographic. The consequences of domestic violence have far reaching effects. At work, it affects productivity, increased absenteeism and raises the risk of violence in the workplace. At home, children who witness domestic violence between their parents are more likely to become abusive with their own family as adults.

During the month of October, we ask that you join the Glendale Police Department, standing in solidarity with victims and survivors in our community and across America, raising awareness about Domestic Violence. You can make a difference one response at a time. The Glendale Family Advocacy Center offers numerous resources for victims of family crimes. It's very important that victims of domestic violence realize they have choices. If you or someone you know is in a violent relationship and would like more information, please contact the Glendale Family Advocacy Center (GFAC) at (623) 930-3720. If you are a victim of a domestic violence crime currently being handled by the prosecutor's office you can call (623) 930-3323 and a Victim Advocate can provide assistance with case-related needs. Anyone wanting more information about domestic violence resources is also encouraged to visit the GFAC website at <http://www.glendaleaz.com/advocacycenter/index.cfm>.

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